[Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar.]

There seems to be some misapprehension on the part of some Honourable members with regard to the Siddha system of treatment and about its recognition under the Medical Practitioner's Act. I may say Sir that the institution at Munchira is recognised under the Act.

There is an Advisory Board to advise the Medical Council in regard to applications from practitioners of the Siddha system and the advice of the Board will normally be accepted. I may assure Honourable members that all suggestions which have been made in regard to the improvement of the Ayurveda Department will be intimated to the Director of Ayurveda and I hope every possible effort will be made to improve the working of the Department.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 25,01,938 under Demand No. XXIV—Medical; Rs. 1,73,311 under Demand No. XXV—Ayurveda; and Rs. 10,24,674 under Demand No. XXVI—Public Health and Sanitation, was put to vote and carried.

The motion was passed and the grants were made.

DEMAND XXXVI—POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES—EXPENDITURE BY THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,13,508 under Demand XXXVI—Post-War Reconstruction Schemes—Expenditure by the Research Department. The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,13,508 under Demand XXXVI—Post-war Re-construction Schemes—Expenditure by the Research Department was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Sir, I move that all the grants may be voted together because there are only two minutes more.

DEMAND XXXVII—POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES—INDUSTRIES SUB-COMMITTEE AND STATISTICS.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,30,000 under Demand XXXVII—Post-War Reconstruction Schemes—Industries Sub-Committee and Statistics was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND I—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 15,37,125 under Demand I—Excise Department was put and carried,

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

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